

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

DAWN T. ROBEY,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	4:10CV3182
	)	
v.	)	
	)	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE	)	
CORPORATION, as Receiver for	)	
TierOne Bank,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

A telephonic conference was held today to discuss: 1) whether the motion to stay filed in state court and removed to this forum has been resolved; 2) whether this case must or should be stayed; and 3) whether a progression order should be entered at this time.

The parties agree the motion to stay filed in state court was resolved in that forum prior to removal, and is not currently pending in this forum. As to whether the case should be stayed or progressed at this time, a threshold factual issue was identified and discussed during the conference call; specifically, whether the plaintiff timely filed a notice of claim. The plaintiff states that despite the FDIC's failure to properly notify the plaintiff of her responsibility and deadline for filing a notice of claim, the plaintiff did timely file her notice, but it was erroneously denied by the FDIC as untimely. The parties need additional time to investigate the merits of the notice of claim issue.

The plaintiff may also be requesting agency review of her FDIC claim denial which, in turn, may (or may not) affect whether a progression schedule can or should be entered at this time; the defendant may be requesting a stay of these court proceedings; or the parties may agree to progress this case.

After conferring with the parties, the court concludes the foregoing described preliminary matters should be addressed at the outset of this case and in succession, beginning with the notice of claim issue.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1) The Motion to Stay filed in the state forum and removed to this court, (filing no. [1-4](#)), was ruled on in the state court and is not awaiting ruling in this forum.
- 2) The parties shall confer, and to the extent possible, shall file a joint statement outlining the parties' agreement or their respective positions regarding the following issues:
  - a. Whether the plaintiff submitted a timely and proper notice of claim to the FDIC,
  - b. If a timely notice of claim was filed by the plaintiff, and denied by the FDIC,
    - will the plaintiff pursue agency review of the FDIC's denial of her claim and if so, does that affect: 1) whether this case is currently ripe for adjudication; 2) should be stayed; or 3) should be progressed at this time?
    - will the FDIC move to stay this litigation and when, or upon what event, is that stay to be lifted?
    - should a progression schedule be entered at this time and, if not, when do the parties anticipate this case will be ready for progression to trial?
  - c. Whether an additional conference call with the court is needed before the court enters an order requiring the parties to prepare and file a Rule 26(f) Report of Parties' Planning Conference, a copy of which is attached.

- 3) The joint statement set forth in the paragraph (2) shall be filed on or before November 1, 2010.
- 4) A telephonic conference will be held before the undersigned magistrate judge on November 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. (C.D.T.) to discuss any remaining initial scheduling, stay, or case progression issues. Counsel for the defendant shall place the call. This telephonic conference will be canceled if the parties' joint statement advises that the parties agree a conference call is no longer needed, the court can now set a Rule 26(f) Report deadline, and the parties can complete the report without further assistance or intervention by the court.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Cheryl R. Zwart  
United States Magistrate Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

	)	
	)	Case No.
Plaintiff.	)	
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v.	)	<b>RULE 26(F) REPORT</b>
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	)	
Defendant.	)	

The following attorneys conferred to prepare the Report of Parties' Planning Conference for the above-captioned case:

**(Identify, for each party, the counsel who participated in preparing the Rule 26(f) Report).**

The parties discussed the case and jointly make the following report:

I. Initial Matters:

A. Jurisdiction and Venue: The defendant does \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ contest jurisdiction and/or venue. If contested, such position is because:

1. Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Rule 11 Certification: As a result of further investigation as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 11, after filing the initial pleadings in this case, the parties agree that the following claims and defenses raised in the pleadings do not apply to the facts of this case, and hereby agree the court may dismiss or strike these claims and defenses at this time (an order adopting this agreement will be entered). \_\_\_\_\_

II. Claims and Defenses:

A. Plaintiff's Claims, Elements, Factual Application: The elements of the plaintiff's claims and the elements disputed by defendant are as follows. For each claim, list and number each substantive element of proof and the facts plaintiff claims make it applicable or established in this case (DO NOT repeat boilerplate allegations from pleadings):

1. CLAIM ONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elements: \_\_\_\_\_  
Factual Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
Of these elements, defendant disputes the following: \_\_\_\_\_

(REPEAT FOR EACH CLAIM)

- B. Defenses. The elements of the affirmative defenses raised by the pleadings are as follows: List each affirmative defense raised or expected to be raised by the defendant(s), the substantive elements of proof for it, and how the defendant claims the facts of this case make such defense applicable or established. (DO NOT repeat boilerplate allegations from pleadings or deny matters on which plaintiff has the burden of proof):

1. DEFENSE ONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elements: \_\_\_\_\_  
Factual Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
Of these elements, plaintiff disputes the following: \_\_\_\_\_

(REPEAT FOR EACH DEFENSE)

III. Case Progression.

- A. Mandatory disclosures will be served by: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Motions to amend the pleadings or to add parties:

1. The plaintiff does \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ anticipate need to amend pleadings or add parties.
2. The defendant does \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ anticipate need to amend pleadings or add parties.

Any motions to amend pleadings shall be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** The parties may agree on separate dates for plaintiff(s) and defendant(s). If more than sixty days are needed, state the reason(s) that much time is necessary.

- C. Experts and, unless otherwise agreed, expert reports shall be served by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** The parties may agree on separate dates for plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

D. Discovery.

1) Discovery, including depositions, will be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Agreed Discovery Procedures:

a. Unique Circumstances. The following facts or circumstances unique to this case will make discovery more difficult or more time consuming:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Counsel have agreed to the following actions to address that difficulty:

\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Electronic Discovery Provisions: Counsel have conferred regarding the preservation of electronically produced and/or electronically stored information or data that may be relevant--whether privileged or not--to the disposition of this dispute, including:

(i) The extent to which disclosure of such data should be limited to that which is available in the normal course of business, or otherwise;

(ii) The anticipated scope, cost, and time required for disclosure of such information beyond that which is available in the normal course of business;

(iii) The format and media agreed to by the parties for the production of such data or information as well as agreed procedure for such production;

(iv) Whether reasonable measures have been implemented to preserve such data;

(v) The persons who are responsible for such preservation, including any third parties who may have access to or control over any such information;

(vi) The form and method of notice of the duty to preserve;

(vii) Mechanisms for monitoring, certifying, or auditing custodial compliance;

(viii) Whether preservation will require suspending or modifying any routine business processes or procedures, records management

procedures and/or policies, or any procedures for the routine destruction or recycling of data storage media;

(ix) Methods to preserve any potentially discoverable materials such as voice mail, active data in databases, or electronic messages;

(x) The anticipated costs of preserving these materials and how such costs should be allocated; and

(xi) The entry of and procedure for modifying the preservation order as the case proceeds.

The parties agree that:

\_\_\_\_\_ No special provisions are needed in respect to electronic discovery. The court should order protection and production of such information in accordance with its usual practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ As to electronically stored information, the following provisions will be followed by the parties: \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Privileged and/or confidential communications and information.

**General practice:** Under the court's general practice, if any document is withheld from production or disclosure on the grounds of privilege or work product, the producing party shall, for each document, disclose a description of the document withheld with as much specificity as is practicable without disclosing its contents, including (a) the general nature of the document; (b) the identity and position of its author; (c) the date it was written; (d) the identity and position of its addressee; (e) the identities and positions of all persons who were given or have received copies of it and the dates copies were received by them; (f) the document's present location and the identity and position of its custodian; and (g) the specific reason or reasons why it has been withheld from production or disclosure. The non-producing party may move to compel documents identified on the privilege log. The producing party may also seek a protective order to preserve the privilege or confidentiality of the documents identified.

**Special provisions.** To facilitate an early, efficient, and expeditious resolution of discovery issues which may arise related to documents withheld on the basis of alleged privilege or confidentiality, the parties shall discuss and consider:

- i. Whether the parties anticipate discovery issues or challenges arising from non-disclosure of allegedly confidential information;
- ii. Whether reasonable date ranges should be established after which privilege log entries for privileged or confidential information need not be made; and
- iii. As contemplated by Rule 502(e) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, ([Fed. R. Evid. 502\(e\)](#)), the need for and terms of any agreement regarding disclosure of privileged attorney-client communications or confidential work product, and whether the parties will seek court approval of any such agreement.<sup>1</sup>

The parties agree that:

\_\_\_\_\_ No special provisions are needed regarding discovery of allegedly confidential information. If such issues arise, they will be resolved in accordance with the court's general practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ In addition to, or in lieu of the court's general practice for asserting confidentiality claims and resolving disputes over nondisclosure of allegedly confidential information, the parties agree the following provisions will be followed:\_\_\_\_\_.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the maximum number of interrogatories, including sub-parts, that may be served by any party on any other party.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the maximum number of depositions that may be taken by plaintiffs as a group and defendants as a group.

f. Depositions will be limited by Rule 30(d)(2), except the depositions of \_\_\_\_\_, which by agreement shall be limited as follows:\_\_\_\_\_.

g. Other special discovery provisions agreed to by the parties include:\_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>1</sup>See, e.g., *Wade v. Gaither*, [2010 WL 624249](#), [2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14456](#), 7-8 (D. Utah Feb. 20, 2010); *Northern Natural Gas Co. v. L.D. Drilling, Inc.*, [2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8810](#), 16-17 (D. Kan. Feb. 1, 2010); *In re Avandia Mktg.*, [2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 122246](#), 34-36 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 2, 2009).



E. The following claims and/or defenses may be appropriate for disposition by dispositive motion (motion to dismiss or for summary judgment or partial summary judgment): \_\_\_\_\_

Motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, or motions to exclude expert testimony on *Daubert* and related grounds will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Other matters to which the parties stipulate and/or which the court should know or consider: \_\_\_\_\_.

G. The parties  
\_\_\_\_\_ do  
\_\_\_\_\_ do not

consent to final resolution and/or trial before the assigned magistrate judge.<sup>2</sup>

H. This case will be ready for trial before the court by: (month, year). The anticipated length of trial is \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counsel for Plaintiff(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counsel for Defendant(s)

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following: \_\_\_\_\_, and I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the document to the following non CM/ECF participants: \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>2</sup>The form to be completed and filed to consent to final resolution by the magistrate judge, entitled "Consent to Reassignment to Magistrate Judge," is located on the court's website at <http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/forms/>.